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THE
Gay Girls of
ENGLAND.

*Printed and Sold by R. Walker, near the Duke's
Palace, Norwich.*

YOU buxom young lasses of fam'd London town,
Step into the fashion before it goes down,
And get a new straw bonnet to stick on your crown.

CHORUS.

☉ the gay girls of Old England,
And O the Old English gay girls.

With two rows of ribbons to put all around,
With a bunch at the top to shew you've a crown,
And a silk trollope to trail on the ground.

With a waist like a cow so neat and so gay,
The stays they are made to bend any way,
To tell men they're willing and ready to play.

In walking along they sweep the way clean,
They throw up their heads and are sure to be seen,
Just like a fore horse, in a country team.

With their heads bare behind and their bellies before,
They dress so all over what can you need more,
What a shame if you're honest to look like a whore.

The harlot and tyrant with rapture despise,
All you that are modest, pray modesty prize,
In the dress of a maiden her trade chiefly lies.